

North Dakota High School Graduation Requirements – 2010, 2011, and Beyond
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2010 ND Graduation Requirements - 22 units (credits) required for a diploma:

- Units are unspecified

2011 ND Graduation Requirements – After 7/1/10 the following 22 units (credits) of coursework will be required by the state of North Dakota for a high school diploma:

- 4 units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
- 3 units of math
- 3 units of science, including:
 - 1 unit physical science
 - 1 unit biology
 - 1 unit of any other science (or 2 half units) of any other sciences
- 3 units of social studies, including:
 - 1 unit US history
 - 1/2 unit US government and 1/2 unit economics; or
 - 1 unit of problems of democracy; and
 - 1 unit (or two half units) of any other social studies which may include: civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, ND studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 1 unit of physical education; or 1/2 unit Physical Education and 1/2 unit health
- 3 units of:
 - Foreign languages;
 - Native American languages;
 - Fine arts; or
 - Career and technical education courses; and
- 5 additional units

***Optional High School Curriculum – (effective date 7/1/10) 21 units will be required for this high school diploma** (Student/parent/counselor or principal meet to decide if this is the most appropriate route for the student)

- 4 units of English (from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech)
- 2 units of math
- 2 units of science
- 3 units of social studies (may include 1/2 unit of ND studies and 1/2 unit of multicultural studies)
- 1 unit of Physical Education or 1/2 unit Physical Education and 1/2 unit health
- 2 units (foreign language, Native American languages, fine arts, and/or career & technical courses); and
- 7 additional units

**If after completing at least 2 years of high school, a student has failed to pass at least 1/2 unit from 3 subsections listed for diploma; or has a grade point average at or below the twenty-fifth percentile of the class in which the student is enrolled, the student may request a meeting to determine whether or not the student should be permitted to pursue this optional curriculum.*